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Haar explores Boston's planning agenda

Boston is in the midst of enormous physical change. Two dozen acres of new downtown land will soon appear over the depressed Central Artery, civic discussion continues over the possibility of building over the Turnpike in downtown Boston and, of course, much of the City's attention is focused on the emerging neighborhood in the South Boston Seaport District and on the waterfront in general.

In this month's installment of "Exploring Design", the BSA Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library, Boston Redevelopment Authority planner Linda Haar examines the evolution of Boston's waterfront in the context of the City's physical and economic history and the City's planning agenda for the beginning of this century. Haar's presentation on **March 21** includes a brief history of Boston's geological history and travels through the early years of Boston as a sea-faring community and then explores the changing character of our post-industrial waterfront areas today.

As director of planning and development and staff director for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Haar has played an encompassing role in the development of the Seaport Public Realm Plan, the Municipal Harbor Plan, the Port of Boston Industrial Economic Development Plan, the shaping of a new zoning code for Boston and a good deal more.

Haar's presentation begins at 6:00 pm on **March 21** in the BPL's Rabb Lecture Hall in Copley Square. There is no charge and all are invited.



photo: courtesy of Harvard GSD

"How We Live": The Civic Initiative for A Livable New England

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and dozens of private-sector institutions and organizations led by A.J. Martini Inc. and the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy join the BSA in an examination of smart growth in our region — see p. 5.



	Event	Location/Sponsor	Cost/RSVP
through Mar 30 9:00 am-5:00 pm, M-F	"City Models" — a BSA exhibit of models of Boston and European cities (see p. 4)	The Architects Building Sponsored by Wentworth Institute of Technology and Suffolk Construction Company	Free No RSVP required
Mar 5 Noon	"High-End Residential Design & Construction" — a special BSA forum for architects and contractors (see p. 6)	The Architects Building	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
Mar 10	"Civic Initiative Workshop" — the third and final workshop leading to the April regional charrette in this uncommon program (see p. 5)	Locations vary Sponsored by the BSA, EPA, A.J. Martini Inc. and other allies	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x225 alee@architects.org
Mar 14	"Ethics and Architecture" — the first installment of a new BSA series of ethics forums (see p. 7)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA Ethics Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
Mar 19 6:00 pm	"Working Abroad" — the monthly informal presentation of work overseas by New England architects this month welcomes Ben Wood AIA of Wood and Zapata (see p. 6)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA International Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
Mar 20 6:00 pm	"Women in Design Conversations" — the monthly gathering of women in the design professions discussing design, practice, career options, etc.; this month it's the future of public art (see p. 4)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA Women in Design Network	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
Mar 20 & 22	"Young Designers Professional Development Institute" — the monthly training program for young designers (see p. 6)	Location varies Sponsored by the BSA and Gathering Pace Consulting	Cost varies For details: 617-951-1433 x232 rfitzgerald@architects.org
Mar 20 & 27	"Firm and Construction Site Tours" — the monthly program for young designers that includes visits to design firms and to project sites; this month it is Ellenzweig Associates (see p. 4)	Ellenzweig Associates Sponsored by the BSA Young Architects Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221 bsa@architects.org
Mar 21 6:00 pm	"Boston's Planning Agenda" — the BSA Lecture Series this month welcomes BRA planner Linda Haar (see p. 1)	Boston Public Library	Free No reservations required
Mar 28 3:30 pm	"Architects/Contractors Seminar & Dinner" — the annual AGC/BSA conference focusing on practice issues	Westin Hotel/Copley Place Sponsored by the AGC/BSA Task Force on Recommended Practices	Prices vary Details: 781-235-2680
Mar 31 & Apr 1	"Preserving Brownstone Buildings" — a two-day conference focusing on the preservation and care of brownstone buildings and structures (see p. 7)	Providence Sponsored by <i>Technology & Conservation</i> magazine and the BSA Historic Resources Committee	Prices vary Details: 617-623-4488

Urban design gains new voice on BSA board

Marc Margulies AIA has been appointed the first BSA Commissioner of Urban Design, a new seat on the BSA Board of Directors. Proposed by the Board last year and approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in December, the new seat recognizes the uncommon significance of urban design and development issues facing the City of Boston at this time.

In a memo proposing this new seat on the Board, last year's president Michael Hicks AIA noted that "it is an unusual — and unusually significant — moment in Boston's evolution as a city." Hicks observed that "the depression of the Central Artery and the public dialogue about the uses of the land that will emerge over the depressed highway, the development of a huge new neighborhood in the South Boston Waterfront District, the development of a Municipal Harbor Plan to govern waterfront development for decades to come, a public debate over Turnpike air-rights development possibilities, the continuing debate over appropriate kinds of public-sector/private-sector collaboration in land development and use, the palpable crisis in the State's need for infrastructure repair of everything from roads and bridges to schools, colleges and other public buildings, the city's undeniable need for housing and the zoning and planning changes that implies, and the critical debate over appropriate kinds of urban and suburban planning and growth are among the more apparent opportunities and responsibilities facing all of us."

Hicks also noted that "the evolution of planning and economic development roles of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and other public agencies heightens our awareness of the changing dynamics of our public policy-making framework."

As the first Commissioner of Urban Design, Margulies is charged to coordinate and manage the efforts of the Board, the Urban Design Committee and other urban design leaders and all BSA committees, task forces, program leaders and appointed delegates to public advisory bodies addressing urban design and related public policy issues...and with shaping BSA policy on these issues with the Board of Directors.

For decades, the Urban Design Committee has been the BSA's central force and primary voice of the profession in addressing urban design issues and it has enriched the public dialogue about the growth of the city. In more recent years, however, a large number of other BSA groups has moved effectively into the public policy arena — the Legislative Affairs Committee, the Housing Committee, the Task Force

to End Homelessness, the Codes and Regulations Committee, the Growth Management Task Force (now consolidated with the Civic Initiative for a Livable New England), the Committee on the Environment (formerly Architects of Social Responsibility), the Design Committee, the Educational Facilities Committee, the Healthcare Facilities Committee, the Historic Resources Committee, the Regional Design Committee and others.

"To be astute translators of the profession's best thinking about the opportunities before us, to be effective and useful public interpreters of planning and design proposals, to speak with a convincing public voice on these issues for the next decade, and to influence public-sector and private-sector decision-making effectively," noted Hicks at the Annual Meeting, "we believe a central coordinating role at the Board level is a wise and obvious step for us to make."

For more information on this new urban design initiative, write margulies@margulies.com.

Rebecca Barnes FAIA, President

Ed. note: The new Commissioner of Urban Design becomes the 10th commissioner on the BSA Board of Directors; the other commissioners are responsible for Architectural Design, Chapter Affairs, Communications & Public Relations, Education & Research, Governmental & Public Affairs, Honors & Awards, Professional Practice, Social Impact, and Technology.

City housing strategy draws on BSA work

"Leading the Way/A Report on Boston's Housing Strategy, FY 2001-2003" is the blueprint published by the city a few months ago. The 50-page report focuses on the forces shaping the Boston housing market at the moment, an overview of housing initiatives in the city, proposed strategies to guide city housing policy, and a plan of action and accountability.

BSA Housing Committee Chair **Alfred Wojciechowski AIA** was a member of the Mayor's Advisory Panel, which helped put this report together and the extensive work that the BSA Housing Committee had done on these issues over the past several years has been incorporated into the City's report.

The publication is a useful and fact-filled document available from the Mayor's office at 617-635-4500 or 617-635-3880.



Marc Margulies AIA

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Alfred Wojciechowski AIA

City models on display

An exhibition of city models of selected areas of Boston and European cities, built at a 1"=50' scale, are on display in The Architects Building gallery through **March 30**.

The wood models, constructed by fourth-year Wentworth students in the Urban Design Studio, represent individual buildings, city streets and blocks, and land features of the city areas shown in the urban-fabric and massing context. Rome, Venice, Barcelona, Berlin and other European cities are represented along with Boston.

This exhibit is part of a Wentworth exploration of the physical, historical, cultural and architectural characteristics of streets and their evolution.

The BSA exhibits program is sponsored this year by Suffolk Construction Company.



Young architects tour local firms and construction sites

The BSA's Young Architects Committee is sponsoring a series of informal visits to architecture firms and construction sites. Thus far we have visited the offices and project sites of Graham Gund Architects, Payette Associates, Steffian Bradley Associates, The Stubbins Associates, Ann Beha Associates, and Einhorn Yaffee Prescott.

This month, on **March 20**, we visit Ellenzweig Associates' offices and on **March 27** the firm leads us through an on-site examination of one of its current projects at Harvard or MIT.

All young designers interested in these programs are welcome to join us. There is no charge but you must make a reservation so we can order enough refreshments and provide directions and the schedule. For reservations, write/call bsa@architects.com/617-951-1433x221.



*Steve Wonkka, Assoc. AIA, Ray Lopolito & Diane Beckley Miller, Assoc. AIA, Co-Chairs
Young Architects Committee*

Ed. note: If your firm would like to host one of these monthly firm visits and site tours, write/call Steve Wonkka at swonkka@payette.com/617-895-1000.

Women examine risk-taking, leadership and career development

The popular Women in Design "Conversations" program at the BSA is back this month with a focus on "The Future of Public Art".

The evening's focus is a discussion with representatives of Boston's art community including Carol Anne Meehan, project director at the ICA. The discussion is moderated by Rachael Rappaport Munn AIA and Sheila Selby.

All women in the design professions are invited to join us for this free, informal discussion, which is part of our monthly series of conversations about women in design. Please let us know if you will join us for this event at 6:00 pm, **March 20** in The Architects Building in Boston; write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.



Debi McDonald AIA, Program Chair

*Ed. note: The Women in Design Network is also the BSA group that planned and executed last year's inaugural Women in Design Conference at Build Boston. Planning is now under way for the Second Annual Women in Design Conference at Build Boston this November. Panel discussions, awards programs, and social events highlight a full day of activity on November 13 and all women practicing in all of the design professions are urged to join us in this planning effort. The focus this year is on globalism and design communication. We are also now soliciting nominees for awards. Join us as we plan all of this. We gather at 5:30 pm in The Architects Building on **March 8**. For details, e-mail Gretchen Von Grossmann at gvongrossmann@mediaone.net.*

BSA tours England and beyond

The BSA's continuing program of international architecture tours — now in its 15th year — goes to England and France in late April, Australia in May (the Sydney Opera House is pictured at right), Italy in September, China in October, India and Tibet in November, and we return once again to Cuba in December. We are also developing a trip to Milan for the Spring and possibly Greece and Turkey in the Summer. For details on any of these tours, call/write the BSA's tour designer/ administrator, Deborah Castellucci of Architects On Tour, at 888-802-8303/info@architectsontour.com.

BCDC wants to hear from you

The Boston Civic Design Commission, which reviews major development proposals in Boston, regularly holds its public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings are at 5:15 pm in the Kane Simonian Room (the BRA Board Room) on the 9th floor of Boston City Hall; meetings are open to the public.



Wanted: design professionals and allies interested in shaping New England

On **March 10**, the BSA's Civic Initiative for A Livable New England administers its third regional workshop focusing on the future growth of New England. Then on **April 27-29**, we administer the major regional charrette based on the ideas and issues that emerge from the three workshops.

These events are major elements of what has been a two-year program made possible in large part by the significant and generous financial underwriting provided by **A.J. Martini Inc.** The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy also has provided generous financial support and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is a principal co-sponsor of this effort, which has also been endorsed by numerous regional organizations including the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Move Massachusetts 2000, the National Association of Industrial Office Properties, the U.S. General Services Administration and many other allies.

All design professionals and everyone else reading this sentence are invited to join us in this major effort to elevate public and professional awareness of short-term and long-term planning issues and opportunities in our region. Write/call today: alee@architects.org/617-951-1433x225.

Rebecca Barnes FAIA, President



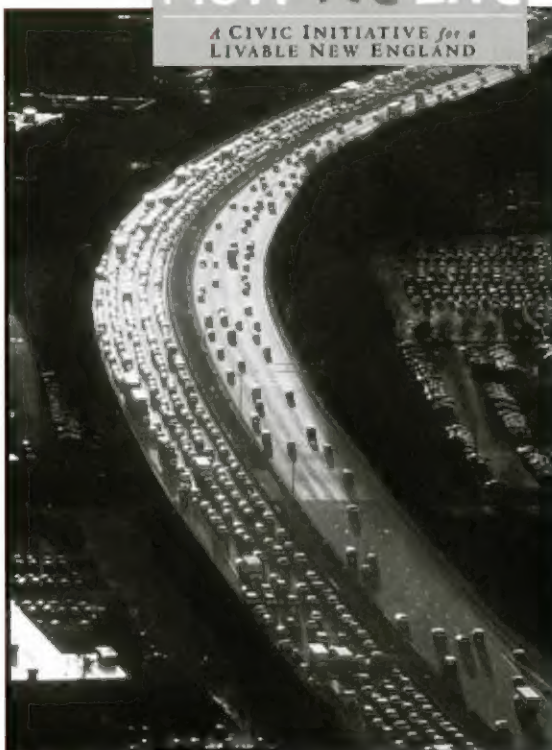
Barnes named city's planner

As we go to press with this issue of the ChapterLetter, it has been announced that BSA president Rebecca Barnes FAIA has been named by Mayor Menino and Boston Redevelopment Authority director Mark Maloney as the BRA's new chief planner. Barnes, who assumes her new role at the BRA this month, has tendered her resignation as BSA president, a role assumed by BSA vice-president/president-elect Robert Brown AIA (whose term as president was scheduled to begin in

December). Admired as a brilliant planner and consensus-builder, Barnes brings to her new BRA role a long and rich history in city planning in Boston, Seattle and elsewhere. Her leadership of the BSA's Civic Initiative for A Livable New England described on this page is one current example of the planning leadership she has brought to the profession and the region in recent years. The ChapterLetter will carry more details on Barnes' appointment in next month's issue.

How We Live

A CIVIC INITIATIVE for a LIVABLE NEW ENGLAND



Paul Martini of
A.J. Martini Inc.



Rebecca Barnes FAIA

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McKee)

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Women's Commission)

High-end residential projects examined in BSA forum


"The Rewards and Challenges of High-End Residential Design and Construction" was the title of one of the most popular workshops at Build Boston several months ago.

A panel of architects and contractors led an extraordinarily lively conversation on residential design and construction, a conversation that everyone agreed should continue.

On **March 5**, the conversation will continue in a special forum at the BSA. We explore the relationships between architects and contractors, the implications of these relationships for the management of expectations, project pricing, and contract agreements, and we expect a range of other issues to emerge during the discussion.


The panelists in March (who were also the panelists at Build Boston) are Ivan Bereznicki AIA (Bereznicki Associates), Tom Huth (Thomas R. Huth Architect), Finley Perry (F.H. Perry Builder Inc.), and Grant Rhode (GF Rhode Construction).

This noon-2:00 pm discussion on March 5 includes lunch provided by the BSA; there is no charge.

Reservations must be made in advance: call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org in order to reserve your spot (and lunch) now. 

Architects working abroad gather at the BSA


On **March 19**, the BSA International Committee welcomes Ben Wood AIA of Wood and Zapata in this month's installment of the BSA's popular "Working Abroad" program. All design professionals are welcome to join us as Wood describes and invites comments on his work in Shanghai.

These informal, wine & cheese evenings at the BSA are free and have proved to be excellent design, marketing and networking opportunities as they provide exceptional insights into securing and executing work overseas. Join us at The Architects Building at 6:00 pm on February 12; RSVP to 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org. 

*Estelle Jackson, Assoc. AIA, Chair
International Committee*

Energy code change is effective now

The Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) has adopted new requirements for energy conservation to be included in the State Building Code (780 CMR, Chapter 13). The new provisions took effect on January 1 and they constitute an entire replacement of the current Chapter 13, which affects all new commercial and high-rise residential buildings in Massachusetts.

The BBRS, in cooperation with the US Department of Energy and Massachusetts gas and electric utilities, offered a year-long series of training seminars offered on the new energy code last year and repeats this series beginning this month. Architects, engineers, interior designers, contractors and others are encouraged to attend. For more information about the training schedule and registration, and to see the content of the new requirements, visit the BBRS Web site at www.state.ma.us/bbrs/energy.htm or for schedule and meeting information, call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org. 


David Weitz, BBRS

Ed. note: Massachusetts building and other codes are available from the BSA (to order, visit the Web at www.architects.org or call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org)...and see p. 10 for details on a new guide to the energy code now at the BSA.

Young designers training session begins this month

The Young Designers Professional Development Institute is the comprehensive effort initiated last year by the BSA and Gathering Pace Consulting to provide design firms with practical job training for young designers.

Enrollment for the next session is open now. This session, which begins this month, is the third session administered as a year-long curriculum providing young designers with a half-day training session each month that focuses — over the course of the year — on issues such as office procedures and communications, coordination of drawings and spec's for all disciplines, site analysis and programming, writing effectively, how to work on a project team, how budgets and proposals are written, factors that affect billable hours and ratios, working with consultants, product research, casework design and detailing, etc. Each year-long session is limited to 20 young designers on a first-come/first-served basis.

For details on the session beginning now, write/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221. 



*Dr. William Ronco
is the director of the
BSA's Young
Designers
Professional
Development
Institute*

Ethics Forum debuts at BSA

Are there general ethical principles in the practice of architecture? If so, what are they? If not, what are the alternatives?

The new BSA Ethics Forum, which meets for the first time on **March 14**, is an opportunity for all of us to gather informally for an off-the-record exploration of ethical issues that we encounter everyday in our practices. Case studies, real-time cases proposed by practitioners, anonymous case submissions, and general ethical issues are the focus of these discussions.

This effort evolved from the uncommonly popular ethics workshops at Build Boston during the past two years.

Co-chaired by Harvard ethicist Victoria Beach and Boston architect Brad Walker AIA, the evening discussions at the BSA are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm (with refreshments). All design professionals and other interested in these issues are invited to join us this month on March 14. For more information, write Beach at vbeach@gsd.harvard.edu or Walker at bwalker@rubhlwalker.com.



Zoning ordinances explained

Rick Shaklik of the Boston Redevelopment Authority comes to the BSA on **March 21** to describe the process that guides the adoption and amendment of zoning ordinances in the City of Boston.

As the guest of the BSA Codes & Regulations Committee, Shaklik also will describe current and future zoning projects being undertaken by the BRA; of particular interest is the transit-oriented development study currently seeking ways to encourage increased density along existing public transportation corridors.

The Codes Committee is focusing on zoning policy generally this year as part of its role in the BSA's Civic Initiative for A Livable New England. We meet at 8:30 am at the BSA on third Wednesday of every month. Please join us this month on March 21.



Vernon Woodworth AIA, Chair
Codes & Regulations Committee

LEED workshop is this month

On **March 21**, the U.S. Green Building Council is sponsoring a workshop designed to help design professionals and others understand the LEED rating and certification system for green buildings.

This all-day workshop at Tufts in Boston is co-sponsored by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, and is led by LEED expert Steve Keppler. For registration and other details, write/call leed@rdinc.net/215-428-9655.

Brownstones are the focus of conference this month

On **March 31** and **April 1**, a special conference on the "Preservation and Care of Brownstone Buildings and Structures" is scheduled in Providence.

Sponsored by *Technology & Conservation* magazine, Building & Monument Conservation, and the BSA Historic Resources Committee, the conference focuses on everything from the nature of brownstone deterioration to the design and engineering of brownstone structures, repair options, and maintenance issues. Several case studies illuminate the discussion.

For registration and other details, call Susan Schur, Hon. AIA at 617-623-4488 or fax inquiries to 617-623-2253.



Another tour option: Berlin and beyond

As the popularity of the BSA's 15-year-old international architectural tours program continues to grow (see p. 4), the BSA continues to seek partners who are uniquely qualified to administer architecture-oriented tours throughout the world.

The BSA is now working not only with our long-time partner, Architects on Tour, but also with the New York City-based tour company called Archetours, which this year is taking BSA members and friends to **Bilbao** and Barcelona this month, to Tuscany and back to Spain in June, Italy and Belgium in July, Berlin in August, Italy again in September, Spain once again in October, and Sicily in November.

Archetours limits its tours to 20 people. For information on any of this year's tours, write/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x222.



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The BSA tour returns to Bilbao — Gehry's Guggenheim is glimpsed above — in four separate tours from March through October.

Green building tax credit may become law

With leadership from the BSA's Committee on the Environment and the invaluable help of the BSA Legislative Affairs Committee, Indoor Air Quality Committee, and our profession's legislative advisor George Bachrach, the Green Building Coalition in Massachusetts has filed the Green Building Tax Credit Bill in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

The bill would provide tax credits to building developers, owners and tenants who — for commercial and multi-family residential buildings — invest in measures to increase energy efficiency, improve indoor air quality, and reduce the environmental impacts of buildings. However, filing the bill is only a first step; we require strong and active support of every BSA member and every person in Massachusetts who understands the importance of green building processes and materials.

Dozens of State Representatives and State Senators already have signed on to the bill, as have numerous organizations that have joined the Green Building Coalition.

For more information, call Stewart Rosenberg at 617-492-2028 or call/write me at 617-407-6042/rykerson@mediaone.net.

*Deane Rykerson AIA, Co-Chair
BSA Committee on the Environment*

Historic neighborhoods can be protected from groundwater

Deteriorated groundwater levels are damaging underground wood pilings, the foundation of structural support for buildings. This environmental condition, apparently unique to the city of Boston, threatens neighborhoods, homes and other historic buildings. It has happened in Chinatown, the Fenway, on Beacon Hill, and even in the Back Bay.

The Boston Groundwater Trust reports that over 2,000 acres of metropolitan Boston are vulnerable to foundation damage of this kind. Mayor Menino recently helped resuscitate the Trust, which had been quiescent for several years. The Trust has developed a partnership with geotechnical engineers and with Wentworth Institute of Technology to provide technical assistance and research investigators.

The Trust also offers a public information Web service at www.bostongroundwater.org. Visit the site for more information.

*Tim Ian Mitchell AIA, Co-Chair
The Boston Groundwater Trust*

DoCoMoMo is here

In January, *New York Times* architecture critic Herbert Muschamp waxed enthusiastically about the growth in Chicago of efforts to document the Modern movement. Those in the know may also be aware that this movement — known as the Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement, or DoCoMoMo — has been active in Boston for the past few years.

Led by David Fixler AIA, Helene Lipstadt and others, the Boston-based DoCoMoMo group meets on the second Monday of each month at MIT's Stella Room at 5:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

Fixler and Lipstadt represented DoCoMoMo New England at the Brasilia Conference several months ago with a paper on the design and development of Boston's Christian Science Center.

For details, write DoCoMoMo, POB 425882, Cambridge MA 02142 or e-mail inquiries to docomomo-newengland@hushmail.com.

*Henry Moss AIA, Chair
Historic Resources Committee*

Design issues are at the fore

Importing design, managing design firms in a hot economy, and examining success as the enemy of art are the three principal design issues addressed this spring by the BSA Design Committee chaired by Robert Brown AIA and Ed Frenette AIA.

The Committee is also scrutinizing the BSA's annual Unbuilt Architecture Design Awards program, which marks its 10th year this year. Brown and Frenette are planning to make this 10th anniversary of the program special and everyone interested in working with them is encouraged to join the Committee at its regular meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am at the BSA.

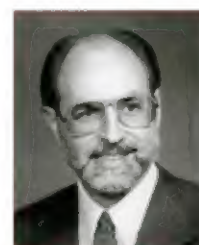
This month on **March 27**, the focus is on managing design firms in a hot economy. Everyone is invited to join us for this roundtable discussion.

In addition, the Committee is planning its transition in leadership as Brown prepares to assume the BSA presidency in 2002. Anyone interested in joining the Committee to discuss this issue as well is encouraged to participate in the monthly meetings.

For more information, write Brown at brown@cbtarchitects.com or Frenette at e_frenette@smma.com.



Robert Brown AIA



Ed Frenette AIA



Fishing restrictions, educating children, campus design and NFPA 99 explored

Defining and promoting the value of architectural services, serving our communities, strengthening our professional networks, and otherwise becoming more effective and successful at what we and our allies do as building industry professionals are at the core of the BSA network. Among the mechanisms available to Massachusetts architects and our allies are the scores of issue-oriented working groups that constitute the BSA. For a complete guide to BSA committees and task forces, visit www.architects.org or call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org. Here are a few examples of the efforts in which members and non-members are engaged today. Select one for yourself and join us...and earn AIA Learning Units in the process.

» **Children and design** — The YouthVisions Committee meets regularly to raise design awareness in the next generation of architects and clients. We work in the community to broaden K-12 students' understanding of the built environment. We also are working with Jan Ham's Architecture Education Resource Center to develop a sophisticated design-oriented teacher-training program in Boston and we support efforts such as Diane Miller's work with Citizen Schools. Join us this at 6:30 pm at the BSA on **March 13**. For more information, call/write Polly Carpenter AIA (617-492-8266/pcarp@erols.com) or Andrea Spadafora, Assoc. AIA (617-367-1188/ams@taylorpartners.com).

» **Sustainable design** — The Committee On The Environment (COTE), formerly known as Architects for Social Responsibility, sponsors the BSA Sustainable Design Awards program and gathers monthly at the BSA to promote sustainable design, run workshops and other events related to this central design issue, and otherwise raise professional and public awareness of environmentally responsible practices. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am at the BSA; join us this month on **March 14**. For more information, call/write Charlotte Matthews, Affil. BSA (cmatthews@payette.com/617-895-1238) or Deane Rykerson AIA (rykerson@mediaone.net/617-407-6042).

» **Healthcare design** — The Healthcare Facilities Committee meets at the BSA monthly to explore recent award-winning healthcare projects, DPH licensure checklists, healthcare design regulations, codes (including the new NFPA 99), new healthcare project types, lighting and other design issues and to meet periodically with groups such as the Boston Area Hospital Engineers Group. We meet at 5:15 pm at the BSA on the 3rd Wednesday of each month; join us this month on **March 21** at 5:15 pm

at Build Boston. For more information, call/write **Robert Humenn AIA** (bobb@steffian.com/617-227-6520).

» **Campus design** — The Higher Education Facility Roundtable brings architects together with college and university facility managers to focus on planning and design issues in an informal roundtable environment. The group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8:30 am at the BSA. Join us this month on **March 22** at 10:00 am at Build Boston. For more information, write/call **Liviu Brill AIA** or **Donna Denio** at lbrill or ddenio@primarygroupinc.com/617-451-3383.

» **Fishing restrictions** — A group of urban designers, regional designers, regional planners, public officials and others constitute the Regional Design Committee. We address suburban sprawl, Route 3 traffic issues, housing, aquaculture and restrictions on traditional fishing, working with local governments, designing the Urban Ring, etc. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in Weston; join us this month on **March 8**. For more information, call/write **Robert Sturgis FAIA** at 617-647-7833/rsturgis@aol.com.

» **Building envelope** — The BSA Building Envelope Committee, a multi-disciplinary group of architects, engineers, contractors and other envelope specialists led by **Richard Keleher AIA** of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, meets at the BSA to explore the full range of building envelope issues. Expansion joints in metal flashings, fire-containment for curtain-walls, window lab-testing, drained EIFS developments, air-barriers, field-testing of structural silicone glazing and humidity in historic building envelopes are on our agenda. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month (except August and December) at 4:30 pm at the BSA; this month it is **March 26**. For more information, call/write Keleher at 617-423-1700/rkeleher@sbra.com.

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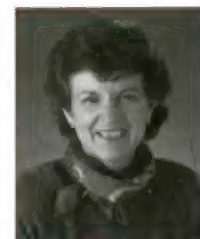
*Members and non-members, architects and non-architects, are invited to taste the opportunities offered by these and over five dozen similar BSA networks of architects and allied professionals. For more information on any of these groups, visit the BSA Web site at www.architects.org or call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org and ask for the Guide to Committees and Task Forces. (Chairs of all BSA committees and task forces are invited to contribute to this column regularly. To ensure that meeting notes are conveyed to the BSA Web site, committee chairs should write/call **Jeremiah Johnston** at jjohnston@architects.org/617-951-1433x222.)*



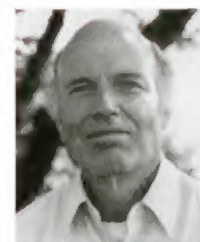
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New energy code guide available to architects

The "Architect's Guide to the New Energy Code" is a unique new publication developed by BSA member Mark Kalin FAIA and available to everyone through the BSA.

The guide includes text with details, a six-month updating service, and a CD-ROM with details in AutoCAD format.

Subtitled "The New Energy Conservation Requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code," the guide includes the full text of the new Chapter 13 with architectural commentary, the most commonly used wall assemblies that meet the new code (with dew-point calculations), over 80 large-scale construction details, construction specifications on air barriers and exterior wall components, a sample narrative report that must be filed with building permit applications, guidelines for descriptions of new HVAC electrical and lighting systems, etc.

To order the guide, visit the BSA Design Resources & Gifts catalog on the web at www.architects.org (click on "Publications and Resources" then "Resources") or write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221 for a full hard-copy catalog of all publications available from the BSA. The guide is BSA publication #263.

Calls for Entries: the BSA's 2001 design awards programs

This year the BSA administers five design awards programs:

» **Healthcare Facilities Design** (any facility type, anywhere in the world, by any New England architect *and* architects elsewhere in the world may submit projects built in New England; deadline is **March 12**)

» **Urban Design** (co-sponsored by AIA New York, this program welcomes urban design projects anywhere in the world by New England and New York architects, landscape architects and professional planners *and* any design professional anywhere in the world may submit New England or New York projects; deadline is **April 9**)

» **Sustainable Design** (co-sponsored by AIA New York, this program welcomes submissions of any project type anywhere in the world by any design professional anywhere in the world; deadline is **April 30**)

» **Unbuilt Architecture** (any architect, architectural educator, or architecture student anywhere in the

world may submit real, academic and/or theoretical projects; deadline is **July 16**)

» **Honor Awards** (the annual BSA Honor Awards for Design Excellence, co-sponsored by Poole Professional Ltd. and DPIC, invites submissions of any project of any type anywhere in the world by any Massachusetts architect *and* any architect elsewhere in the world is invited to submit projects built in Massachusetts; deadline is **August 21**)

The Calls for Entries for all five of these programs are available on the Web at www.architects.org. The guidelines are also available from the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

Call for entries: projects in Worcester

The Central Massachusetts Chapter of the AIA is once again collaborating with Preservation Worcester to administer a design awards program focusing on new construction in the city of Worcester. This program was inaugurated last year and generated an exceptional amount of professional and public interest in the region. The submission deadline this year is **March 12**. For submission guidelines, call/write 617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org.

Dan Benoit AIA, President
AIA Central Massachusetts

What is your "image of home"?

April 15 is the deadline for BSA members and friends who want to participate in this year's architectural auction at the Massachusetts College of Art.

The auction, which is on **May 31**, and the design competition leading up to it focuses on "images of home" designed by architects and others. The entire event is sponsored by Shelter Inc, the extraordinary service organization working with the homeless in Boston.

Last year the auction focused on birdhouses designed by architects. As readers may recall from the ChapterLetter report on last year's event, Boston architects created dozens of extraordinarily delightful and often incredible birdhouses. The subsequent auction of those birdhouses raised over \$30,000 for Shelter Inc.

For guidelines for this year's program, once again led by Marc Margulies AIA and Ann Margulies, call Kellie Jackson at Margulies & Associates in Boston at 617-482-3232.

What is the most beautiful project built in your town since 1991?

The City of Boston and the BSA annually present the Harleston Parker Award to the designers of the most beautiful project built in the last decade in the 36 cities and towns in the Greater Boston/MDC area.

Everyone reading this sentence is invited to nominate one or more projects in this region for this award. Any building or monument or similar structure is eligible; it does not matter who the architect is or was. The project could be as large as the Hancock Tower or as small as a single-family home in any of the three dozen towns in the MDC region. For some background information and guidelines on the award, visit the BSA Web site at www.architects.org (or call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org).

American architects honor Massachusetts colleagues

Three remarkable individuals in Massachusetts and three extraordinary projects designed by Massachusetts firms have been honored by American architects through several recent AIA honors and awards programs.

» Harvard's **John Stilgoe**, nominated by the BSA for his contributions to our profession and to the general understanding of design — through his teaching and through his popular books such as the recent *Outside Lies Magic: Regaining History and Awareness in Everyday Places* — will be honored at the AIA Convention in Denver in May with the AIA's Institute Honors for Collaborative Achievement award.

» Dr. Leo Beranek, the renowned acoustician and founder of Bolt Beranek & Newman in Cambridge, has been elected by American architects to Honorary Membership in the AIA. Beranek, whose election will be recognized at the AIA Convention in May,

was nominated by the BSA; the nomination was instigated and guided by Bill Rawn FAIA and his colleagues at William Rawn Associates in Boston.

» **George Takoudes AIA**, an architect at Payette Associates in Boston, has been honored by his national colleagues with the 2001 Young Architects Award. Takoudes, who is currently Chair of the BSA Membership Committee, is a young designer with an extraordinary history of contributions to the profession as a student and as a young architect in Boston over the past several years. Takoudes, nominated by the BSA for this award, also will be honored at the AIA Convention in May; he is one of only five young architects in the U.S. to be so honored this year.

In addition to these individual honors, three Boston design firms have earned national AIA design awards for their work on the projects pictured below:



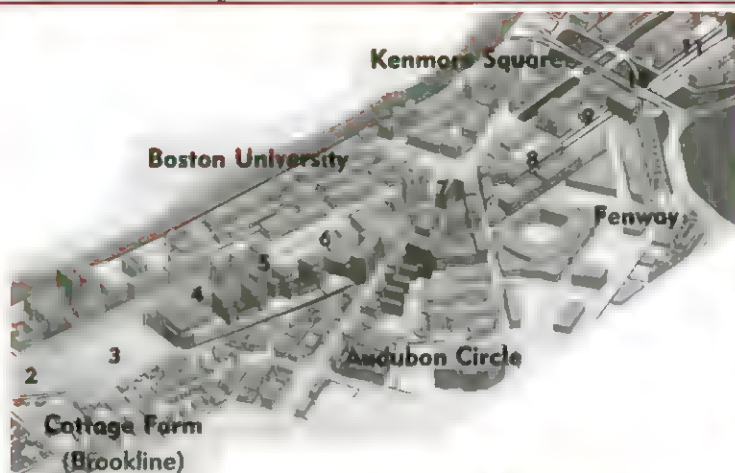
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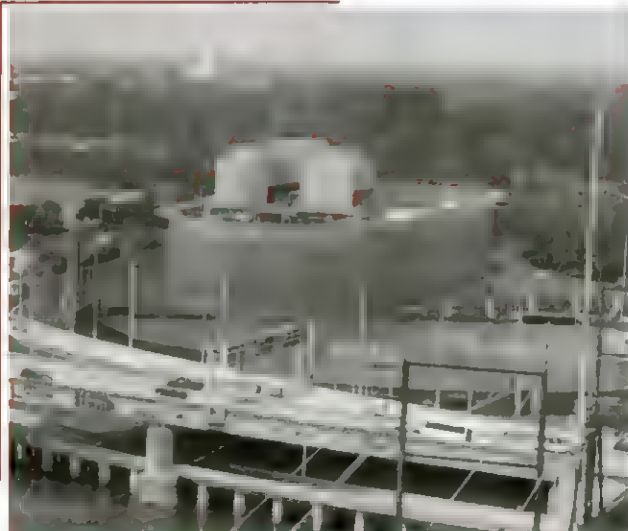
George Takoudes AIA



National Honor Award for Architecture...Hyde Park Branch Library (Boston) designed by Schwartz/Silver Architects (Robert Miklos FAIA, David Stern AIA, and Angela Ward Hyatt AIA) for the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development...Richard Burk Associates (Landscape Architect), TMP Consulting Engineers (M/E), Charles Chaloff Consulting Engineers (structural), Boston Building and Bridge (contractor)...detail at left from a photo by Steve Rosenthal



National Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design..."A Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights in Boston" by Goody, Clancy & Associates (David Dixon FAIA) for the Boston Redevelopment Authority...detail above of a watercolor by Gang Peng



National Honor Award for Architecture...University of Pennsylvania Modular VII Chiller Plant designed by Leers Weinzapfel Associates (Jane Weinzapfel FAIA) for the University of Pennsylvania...William J. Trefz Consulting Engineers and Sordoni Skanska (GC/CM)...photo by Peter Aaron/Esto

Closing out projects is now on the agenda

Architects and contractors are coming together in a new working group to develop some "best practices" recommendations on closing out building projects.

Initiated by Associated General Contractors director Bob Petrucelli and BSA public-policy wizard Russ Feldman, this new working group will begin by focusing on ways to minimize the punchlist and reduce the construction retainer. The group also will be determining whether it is wise to focus primarily on public projects or on both public- and private-sector projects.

If you are interested in participating in this conversation, which ideally will lead to significant improvements in the process of closing out building projects, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org).

Are George and Alan beginning to scare you?

Since January, the media have picked up every cautionary signal from President Bush and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan about the potential slow-down of the American economy.

While we may not be experiencing any hard evidence of such a slow-down yet, there is no reason not to be prepared since our national leaders seem inclined to alert us to the possibility. With all that in mind, there are a few BSA resources readers may find of interest in this regard:

» **Are your accounts receivable?** The new, very tactful BSA accounts-receivable management service described in recent issues of the ChapterLetter can be explored by calling Janet Allison, who directs this service for the BSA, at 617-951-1433x304.

» **Do you have to pay your consultants if your client does not pay you?** Knowing your rights and your consultants' rights in these difficult situations is the subject of a recent Principal's Report article. For a copy of these reprints, along with complementary articles on how to deal with "tight-fisted clients" (the packet is available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 34¢ SASE to Tight Fists/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should include a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 34¢ SASE. (For details on the BSA's accounts-receivable service for design firms, call Janet Allison at the BSA, 617-951-1433x304. For a subscription to Principal's Report call 212-244-0360.)

» **Market while you are busy!** Marketing *vs.* selling, process marketing, branding, creating an annual marketing plan, and understanding the real point in project interviews are among the issues addressed in a packet of reprinted articles from a variety of sources that focus on design-firm marketing issues. For a copy of the full packet (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 99¢, 9"x12" SASE to Marketing Issues/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should include a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 99¢, 9"x12" SASE.

» **Can you "recession-proof" your firm?** Times are good...but things change. Struggling with fees that are not rising fast enough, new investments in information technology, soon-to-retire principals/partners and other realities may have you thinking about the next economic squeeze. Two recent articles in Principal's Report focus on the early warning signs of an economic downturn in your business, how to avoid problems, and addresses issues such as time management, fees and pricing, governance, billing controls, etc. For a copy of these articles (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send a 55¢ SASE to Recession Tips/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 55¢ SASE. (For subscriptions to Principal's Report, call 212-244-0360.)

Looking for Summer interns?

This is the time of year when the BSA begins collecting names and phone numbers of New England design firms that think they may need paid interns during the warm vacation months (May-August).

If you think you may be interested in considering high-school or college interns for the Summer, e-mail Tina Erikson at the BSA (bsa@architects.org) and provide your name, your firm's name and your firm telephone number and e-mail address. We will add you to the list of firms we provide to would-be interns from this country and abroad who are seeking experience in Boston design firms.

Only 5 Fridays are left before it's too late

April 2 is the deadline for the working title, blurb, and panelists' names for the workshop you wished you had done at Build Boston a few months ago and now realize you can do for Build Boston this year.

The deadline is **April 2**. For a workshop proposal form, visit the Web at www.buildboston.com or write/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221 and request workshop proposal form BB-14. Did we mention that the deadline for this is **April 2**, which means you only have five Fridays left to do this.

Build Boston

Questions? Write/call Richard Fitzgerald at rfitzgerald@architects.org/617-951-1433x232.

Guide to project-team members nears deadline

March 15 is the deadline for the Spring 2001 issue of the BSA's popular *Guide to Consultants, Contractors and Manufacturers*.

This guide is distributed free to 4,000 design and other professionals in Massachusetts and to anyone else who wishes it on request. Building industry consultants, contractors and manufacturers interested in being in the guide, which is published twice each year, should write/call me at mvigneau@architects.org/617-951-1433x223 for advertising rates and guidelines. Do it today.

Monique Vigneau, Listings Editor

Shelter is the issue

The focus of the Spring issue of *ArchitectureBoston* is shelter. Included in this issue is a roundtable discussion of production housing, an interview with Boston housing planner and director of the Department of Neighborhood Development Charlotte Golar Richie, a photo essay on artists' housing in Fort Point Channel, and articles on shelter magazines, municipal anti-housing policies, manufactured housing and more.

And if you misplaced your current copy of *ArchitectureBoston*, or if you are looking for an additional copies to give to colleagues, stop by Borders, Barnes & Noble or your local bookstore; *ArchitectureBoston* is now available on newsstands nationwide. Call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221/bsa@architects.org to find the newsstand nearest you...and tell your newsdealer to stock the magazine.

Readers of *ArchitectureBoston* are encouraged to express your thoughts on the magazine and the issues it raises. Letters are published in each issue and are an important part of the magazine's dialogue.

For *ArchitectureBoston* advertising information, call the BSA Sales Office at 800-996-3863. For editorial submission guidelines and subscription information, call 617-951-1433x221.

Have you updated your firm listing on the BSA web site?

All AIA member firms in Massachusetts can now update our firm descriptions electronically on the BSA web site. This is a marketing service provided to all member firms and sole practitioners in Massachusetts.

This online BSA directory is promoted nationally as part of the AIA's nationwide advertising campaign ...and of course the BSA promotes it locally as part of our own referral services.

To update your listing, go to www.architects.org and click on "Online Forms" and "Directory Update" ...review your current listing, and submit the updated listing online. All member firms should do this now (and please provide only one update for your firm) and this updated version will supersede any earlier updates.

To make use of this marketing opportunity, be sure your Firm Assessments are paid to the BSA by **March 20** so that you can be included in the next edition of the directory. **March 20** is also the deadline for submitting the revised data on you firm.

This new edition of the directory will be posted online in April and all AIA members in Massachusetts will receive a free copy of the printed directory as usual.

If you have questions or are not sure of your firm's membership status call/write BSA membership director Penny Mitchell at 617-951-1433x228/pmitchell@architects.org.

What are we getting for our dues?

This regular Chapter-Letter feature highlights one useful program/service/activity our BSA dues help underwrite. This month we draw attention to the BSA referral services — with special attention to the BSA Web site described in the adjacent article — that help owners/clients find BSA member firms they wish to retain. The Web site and other BSA referral services for members are among the services our dues support.

Is your Web site damaging your business?

A BSA member recently sent this e-mail to the BSA:

"A friend wants to do a substantial addition to his house and has asked me to recommend some appropriate architects (this happens a lot to me). I like to screen architecture firms by Web site. Click on a site, see some project images, get a sense of the firm's personality...you can tell pretty quickly if you might have a candidate. I like to use the BSA Web site to take advantage of the links to member firms' Web sites. Here's a tip about architecture firm Web sites: I think that BSA members who don't post images on a Web site are doing themselves a serious disservice. Established firms without sites look like as if they are either behind the techno-curve or don't really want new clients. Young firms, which are presumably technically facile, look like they are struggling too much to have the time and money to put a site together, which suggests that they are probably also inexperienced and, therefore, not a firm to be trusted with a project. I have to say that some architects are in effect making it hard to recommend them. I'll bet I'm not alone in this. Most of us don't really know very much about one another's work and I suspect a lot of architects get asked for recommendations or want to make suggestions for clients they cannot serve themselves."

This letter came in the same mail with warnings from two design-firm consultants.

An article titled "Errant Web Sites" in a recent issue of Principal's Report offered these suggestions about Web sites:

- » "Put function before form. Avoid bells and whistles — such as 'flash' intros — that confuse rather than enlighten.
- » "Don't simply put your brochure online. What is interesting on paper can become boring when seen on screen. Recast your brochure to fit the screen format.
- » "Avoid features that don't work, such as blind buttons.
- » "Don't make life hard for the user. For example, avoid features that excessively slow the use of the site, such as music or huge pictorial .jpg or .tif files.
- » "Make it easy for users to respond whether they are asking for more information about your firm, applying for a job, etc.
- » "Be sure to measure the bottom-line impact of your site by investing in a reliable visitor and hit-tracking system."

In another piece of mail focusing on Web sites, Zweig White, the design-firm consulting group in Natick, offered these tips:

- » Determine what you want your Web site to do before you design it. Are you trying to change a stodgy image? trying to get the phone to ring? trying to make your firm look like a great place to work?
- » Be sure your Web site is integrated into your overall marketing strategy.
- » Conduct brief interviews with a few of your clients to learn more about their views on Web sites and find out what attracts them to certain sites, what keeps them coming back, what drives them away, etc.
- » Determine how much interactive or revolving content, portfolio content, and special features will make up this site — are you going to need the Rolls Royce of Web sites to achieve your ends or will a Toyota do?
- » Determine how your site should be organized and what its focus will be — site navigation is tremendously important as is the tone or personality of the site (too many bells, whistles, animations, and other gimmicks will send visitors clicking for the exit).
- » Determine how you can avoid looking like a second-rate operation. The prospective clients don't need a 1,000-word firm history. Show them what you can do for them now.
- » Develop a plan for regular maintenance of the content — maintenance should be weekly, maybe even daily.

Are architects and specifiers your customers?

If you are a building industry manufacturer, distributor, supplier, vendor or other professional seeking to sell building products or building materials to architects and other design and construction industry professionals, you should be exhibiting your products and materials at the 17th-anniversary edition at Build Boston, the U.S. building industry convention and tradeshow in November.

There is always a waiting list for exhibitors—come late, so we urge you to call the BSA/Build Boston marketing team now at 617-951-1433x301 or 800-544-1898.

Ed. note: The BSA marketing team also can help you reach architects throughout the year through other venues such as the BSA quarterly magazine, this newsletter and numerous other advertising/sponsorship opportunities.

There's a tiger in the woods

Last year there were over 50 BSA members and friends who ended up on the waiting list for the annual BSA Golf Tournament. You can avoid the frustration of that list by marking your calendar now for the 13th Annual BSA Golf Tournament on **June 7**...over 250 industry professionals play each year at the BSA's golf heaven, the Far Corner Golf Course in Boxford.

We urge you to register now to beat the rush...and perhaps to take advantage of one of the many sponsorship opportunities for this singular event.

If you would like to participate, to consider a sponsorship, to spend the day with the BSA staff and members as volunteer organizers or otherwise participate, call/write Alexandra Lee at the BSA (617-951-1433x225/alee@architects.org).

*Kurt Rockstroh AIA, Chair
BSA Golf Tournament*

Members and allies fund design awareness efforts

In the January issue of the ChapterLetter, we noted the significant financial contributions BSA members and allies continue to make to the Boston Foundation for Architecture.

The Foundation, created by the BSA in 1984, annually makes \$60,000-\$80,000 in grants to support design awareness programs, particularly among elementary and secondary schoolchildren.

It is a pleasure to report that the donations continue to arrive in support of these efforts, which have proved enormously effective over the past 15 years. Recent donations have been received from:

- Two anonymous donors
- William ("Buzz") and Nancy Constable
- Crossroads Community Foundation
- Koetter, Kim & Associates
- LeMessurier Consultants (another in a series of generous gifts over the past decade)
- Mr. and Mrs. Lionel B. Spiro (also another in a series of generous gifts, this one in memory of Charles Chaloff AIA)

For more information on the Foundation grants program, or to contribute to the Foundation, write/call Richard Fitzgerald at rfitzgerald@architects.org 617-951-1433x223

*Colin Smith FAIA, Chair
Boston Foundation for Architecture*

Online sponsorship opportunities increase

Increasingly, the Internet is where we go for information. The BSA is responding by posting more information online than ever before. And, in a relatively new BSA service, we are sending a bi-weekly e-mail broadcast ("Currents") to members with timely news and information about BSA programs and deadlines.

If you would like a piece of this Internet activity, consider becoming a Web site or "Currents" sponsor. Web site sponsors benefit from this increased exposure and from their prominent placement on the site's splash page. As visitors navigate the site, details on sponsors are always only one click away. Each exclusive "Currents" sponsor's name, message and Web site link is distributed to over 3,000 professionals and allies.

For details on these opportunities and to express your comments, critiques and suggestions for BSA's online services, call/write me at 617-951-1433x227/

If you do not receive "Currents" it is probably because we don't have a current e-mail address for you. Send your e-mail address to Penny Mitchell at pmitchell@architects.org to receive this free service now.

Nancy Jenner, Online Custodian

Do you want or have office space to lease?

In addition to the "space available" section of our Web-based Building Industry Classified listings, the BSA maintains an informal information clearinghouse for architects seeking to sublet space from/to other industry professionals. If you want to share space, sublet, rent a drafting station, etc., call Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232.

Marketing and PR directors gather each month

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, design-firm marketing and public relations directors gather for breakfast at 8:00 am at the BSA to share ideas that enhance architects' marketing efforts. We focus on a specific marketing or public relations issue each month and we invite all design-firm marketing and public relations directors to join us. For more information, write/call Janet Shotwell (oldarch@shore.net) or Anne Johnson (annej@perrydean.com).

Have you seen the Herald today? The Boston Herald has been enriched over the past year or two by two very special new columnists. BSA board member and former city councilman Tom Keane writes a regular Friday column for the Herald that is the epitome of urban wisdom. Keane focuses on hot city issues from the design of the Seaport District to housing to schools and beyond. Every Friday; don't miss it. And Boston architect David Eisen has been serving as architecture critic for the Herald; his work appears regularly in the paper and is a valuable addition the design dialogue in the region.

High performance commercial buildings are the subject of a new U.S. Department of Energy 20-year plan to make the next generation of commercial buildings healthier, more energy efficient, and more productive, according to PSMJ Resources. The objective is to reduce the energy use of new commercial buildings by 50% in the next 20 years. For details, visit the DOE web site at www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/commercial_roadmap.

"Building Leaders" is the current SMPS workshop series that focuses on marketing practice and marketing leadership. The series runs through early April. For details, call 617-489-4733 or write dsutton@themackenziegroup.com.

Environmental justice is the issue of a draft policy statement prepared by the state's executive office of environmental affairs led by Bob Durand. The draft is on the state's web site at www.state.ma.us/envir/environmental/justice.htm; everyone is urged to review this policy statement on environmental justice and offer comments to Secretary Durand.

A solid-waste masterplan has been published by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to help focus state efforts on reducing the quantity and toxicity of waste, the need to dispose only residuals from recycling and other waste-reduction efforts, and to ensure that waste-handling facilities are environmentally sound. Walter Rosenfield AIA reports that the plan is at www.state.ma.us/dep/bwp/dswm/dswmpubs.htm or by calling 617-338-2255 or e-mailing Kim Ihrig at master.plan@state.ma.us.

CADD technology is the issue in a special discussion this month on March 6 led by BSA CADD guru Geoff Langdon. The event, hosted by the Greater Boston Autodesk Users Group, is at 6:00 pm at the BSA. For details, visit the web at www.gbaug.org or e-mail hfaaland@cons4arch.com.

Architectural pastry is back with the 4th Annual Architectural Masters of Pastry Competition co-sponsored by the BSA. This year's theme is "towers" and the region's top pastry chefs will be attempt-

ing to duplicate their favorite architectural masterpieces using nothing but edible sweets. For details, call pastry event wizard Rhiannon Hayes at 617-423-9100.

"Christmas in April" is the local branch of the national volunteer effort to rehabilitate the homes of low-income home owners — particularly the elderly, physically challenged, and families with children. It is a terrific program in Boston and seeks volunteers as well as donors. For more information, call 617-296-0058.

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Carriage House is rising again. Built originally in 1806, the building was given to the Shirley-Eustis House Association and is remarkably similar to the original classic federal structure destroyed in the late 19th century. The current structure was disassembled two years ago and is now being reassembled in Roxbury. For more information, call 617-442-2275.

MassDevelopment has issued its annual report and this year it is online. For a review of the organization's economic development activity in the past year, visit the site at www.massdevelopment.com/annualreport.

Do you do federal work? If you do, you may wish to take advantage of the new electronic version of the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). "CBD Access", as it is called, offers official contract opportunity and award announcements in a format that can be customized by FSC codes. For details, call 888-287-2223.

Steel buildings and bridges are the subject of a new American Institute of Steel Construction edition of its Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges. This new edition is available at no cost at www.aisc.org/code.html. A summary of changes is also available at that site.

A garden under glass is the goal as a group of Boston business and civic leaders gathers to help plan and guide the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's development of a four-acre garden complex between South Station and International Place. Since the Big Dig began, the Society has been working with designers, planners and civic groups to identify ways in which it might transform the post-Big Dig surface into a significant downtown attraction for residents, office workers and tourists. For more details, call/write Stephen Sattler at the Society (617-536-9280x217/mhspsa@masshort.org).

Fee-bidding for design professionals is a major mistake. That is the position taken by consultant John Bachner in a new booklet titled "Purchasing the Services of Engineers, Architects, and Environmental Professionals." As an advocate of qualifications-based selection (QBS), Bachner argues

forcefully against fee-bidding, which he describes as a disservice to the client as well as the design professional. The booklet asks and answers 21 of the most common questions about these issues, questions such as: "Who in his right mind would select a design firm without considering its fee?" For ordering information on this booklet, which you probably would want to share with your clients, call 301-589-9181.

The Access Board seeks architects. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is currently seeking two architects to be appointed by Gov. Paul Cellucci to serve on the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, the state agency responsible for ensuring that public buildings are safe and useable for people with disabilities as required by law. The Board meets every other Monday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is a critical role for the design profession and if you are interested in being considered, you are encouraged to write to Lorraine Greiff, Mass. Office on Disability, Room 1305, One Ashburton Place, Boston 02108.

Are your writing skills hurting your firm? Stephen Kliment FAIA, who saw much of our writing as former editor of *Architectural Record*, recently published *Writing for Design Professionals/A Guide to Writing Successful Proposals, Letters, Brochures, Portfolios, Reports, Presentations and Job Applications*. It's available from the BSA. To order, download the list and order form at www.architects.org and click on "Publications and Resources", then click on "Resources" (it is item #206)...or write/call the BSA to request one be faxed or mailed to you (bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221).

Fee-setting strategies and client negotiations are explored in several recent articles assembled by the BSA. New fee strategies, a "quick and easy guide" to three fee-setting methods, negotiation realities, how to raise fees, A/E selection, designing for profit and avoiding costly contract terms are among the issues addressed in this collection of articles. To order the packet (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a \$1.21, 9"x12" SASE to Fee Strategies/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the \$1.21, 9"x12" SASE.

Are you liable for inaccurate cost estimates? The increasing legal risks posed by negligent cost estimates, the relationship of cost estimates to client-retention, and guidelines from the American Society of Professional Estimators are the subjects of a packet of article reprints available from the BSA. For copies (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 55¢ SASE to Cost Estimating/RF, BSA, 52 Broad

St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 55¢ SASE.

BSA partnering service works. Several years ago, the BSA developed a partnering consulting service for BSA member firms and others with an interest in partnering and related organizational management skills. This BSA service is provided by Dr. William Ronco, the founding principal of Gathering Pace Inc., who has over 15 years of experience working with organizational team and communications issues in the building industry. Ronco is also the author of the *Partnering Manual for Design and Construction*, which is available through the BSA. For a two-page description of the BSA's "Organization Team Building and Partnering Consulting Service," call 617-951-1433x221 or call Ronco directly at 781-275-2424.

Design software piracy can do you in.

That's the message in a package of materials now available from the BSA describing Autodesk's nationwide crackdown on theft of its software through illegal copying. Autodesk has recovered over \$30 million in settlements in software piracy cases, including a recent \$150,000 penalty levied on a New York City architect. For a copy of the BSA information packet on the Autodesk efforts (the largest efforts in our industry), AIA members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 77¢, 9"x12" SASE to Piracy/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should include a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the SASE. This information packet is available only by mail.



"So this is the famous environment everyone's so hyped up about?"

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Competitions/Awards/Grants

BSA Design Awards programs (see p. 10)...**\$50,000 Latrobe Fellowship** for research in professional practice; 3/1 appl. deadline; 202-626-7521 (Pauline Porter, AIA College of Fellows)...**First Night** visual and performing arts proposals; March deadline; 617-542-1399...**Art and Architecture Award** (Henry Hering Medal/National Sculpture Society); for architects, LAs, building owners, sculptors; 3/1 deadline; 212-764-5645/www.nationalsculpture.org...**National Preservation Awards**; 3/1 nom. deadline; 202-588-6236/awards@nshp.org (National Trust)...**Education/ Research/ Fellowship RFP**; focus on land use and land policy; 3/1 deadline; 617-661-3016/rfp@lincolnmst.edu...**Annual Photography Competition** open to Architects in the U.S., AIA Associate members, and AIAS student members; 3/1 deadline; cash awards and publication in the AIA Engagement Calendar; 314-621-3484 (Patricia Bausch)...**Justice Facilities Review** juried publication; March submission deadline; 202-626-7300 (Glennette Clark)...**Business Week/ Architectural Record Awards**; March appl. deadline; 888-242-4240...**Home for Yuri Gagarin Design Competition**; 3/13 reg. deadline; 81-3-3811-7101 (Tokyo)...**Green building awards**; 3/15 deadline; 413-774-6051x20/www.nesae.org/buildings/design.htm...**Designing with rubber** competition (for the use of rubber in interiors, furniture, lighting, etc.); 3/31 deadline; pr@dalsouple.com...**College planning awards**; April deadline; www.scup.org or jeff@rizeandfloyd.com...**Historic preservation grants**; Mass. Historical Commission/ \$300,000; www.magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc or 617-727-8470...**Predevelopment Assistance Program** funds to support early-stage economic development projects in Massachusetts; rolling deadlines; 800-445-8030 (Mass. Development Finance Agency)...**Victorian-era buildings awards** (exteriors or interiors), public places, open spaces, etc.; Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd. Brighton MA 02135...**AIA Honors & Awards** programs including the Gold Medal, Kemper Award, Whitney Young Citation, Honorary AIA Membership, Design Honor Awards, 25-Year Award, Urban Design Awards, AIA College of Fellows, Honorary Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Awards for Public Architecture, Young Architects Citation, Library Building Awards, Institute Honors, Architecture Firm Award, Henry Bacon Medal, Topaz Medallion for Education, Brick in Architecture Awards, Interior Architecture Awards, Concrete Masonry Design Awards, Cedar Design Awards, etc.; deadlines vary; 617-951-1433x221 (ask for the Annual Awards Schedule)...**Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship** program; annual AIA/AAF Scholarships; 202-626-7511 (Mary Felber)...**Aga Khan**

Award, Program Procedures, 32 chemin des Crets-de-Pregny, CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland (\$500K in prizes; rolling deadlines)...**Student competitions**: programs & deadlines vary; 202-626-7472 (AIAS); 212-924-7000 (NIAE); 202-785-2324x2 (ACSA/Wood Products Council); DuPont Benedictus Design Competition; 202-628-0448 (ACSA)...**Fulbright grants** for architects and urban planners; www.iie.org/cies; 202-686-4000 (fax 202-362-3442)...**NEA design project grants** and individual grants/fellowships (up to \$20K) for designers; 202-682-5437...**The MacDowell Colony residency** for architects; 1/15, 4/15 & 9/15 seasonal deadlines; www.macdowellcolony.org; 603-924-3886...For details on the American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship and numerous AIA-related fellowships and scholarships for minorities/disadvantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research and other purposes, including the RTKL Traveling Fellowship, call 202-626-7429.

Workshops/Conferences

Civic Initiative workshops/charrettes; BSA program on smart growth; Feb.-Apr; alee@architects.org; 617-951-1433x225; see also p. 5...**Build Boston 2001**; 11/13-15; 200 workshops/award-winning designs exhibit/350 product exhibits/12,000 design & construction professionals; workshop proposals due 4/2; www.buildboston.com; 800-544-1898 (see p. 13)...**Zoning clinics**; every Tuesday, 9am-noon; Boston Plans & Zoning Unit, 1010 Mass. Ave., Boston...**Design/Build curriculum**; furniture-making, ceramic tile, joinery, solar-energy systems, ecological design, etc.; through March; 888-496-5541/www.yestermorrow.org (Yestermorrow School, Vermont)...**Preservation workshops**; 3/23-26; the business side of preservation, writing about historic properties, generating publicity for your design business; Windsor VT; 802-674-6752/histwininc@valley.net...**Land policy workshops**: land valuation, urban universities as land owners/developers, land market cycles, land use in America, comprehensive planning, European spatial planning; Feb-May; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 617-661-3016x1271/help@lincolnmst.edu...**Urban Management Degree Program**; 3/14-12/14, Domus Academy, Milan; maurban@domac.it...**Building Energy** conference; 3/22-24, Tufts; 413-774-6051/www.nesae.org...**Facility planning** workshop program; 3/26-29, Harvard GSD; mmoore@gsd.harvard.edu...**A/E liability** and practice workshop; 3/27, Boston; 715-833-3940/ceinfo@lorman.com...**Historic preservation** courses; Campbell Center, Illinois; May-Oct; 815-244-1173...Northeastern University Center for Continuing Education **Building Design and**

Management courses; 617-320-8000...Wentworth Institute of Technology **professional and continuing studies** programs; 617-442-9010x446...**BAC continuing ed.** programs (Jan-May); 617-585-0101...**GSD professional development** programs (Jan-Mar); 617-495-1680...Jewish Vocational Service **career, job-hunting** and related workshops; 617-965-7940...Women's Educational and Industrial Union **career services workshops** and other services on job-hunting and other career issues; 617-536-5657...BU Program for Real-Estate Studies; 617-353-3013.

Exhibits/Lectures/Tours

BSA exhibits (see pp. 2 & 4)...**BSA design tours** (see pp. 4 & 7)...**North-eastern exhibit**: Doug Dolezal (4/4-27); **lectures** — Doug Dolezal (4/5) Jerold Kayden (5/3), Mike McKinnell FAIA (5/10); 617-373-2347; www.architecture.neu.edu...**Roddy Langmuir lecture**; 4/4, the Gordon School, Providence; 401-434-3833x118...**Breuer exhibit**; through 4/8; MIT List Center; 617-253-9480...**Crafts-oriented tours**; Italy, Ireland, Spain, Nepal, etc.; 413-549-2900/horizons@horizons-art.org...SPNEA programs and **Gropius House tours** (year-round); 617-227-3956...MIT Museum exhibit of the work of **Doc Edgerton**; 617-253-4405...**Historic architectural drawings** exhibit at the Library of Congress; 800-551-7328...**"The Four Shapes of Boston"** a slide-lecture on Boston's architectural history available to rent (with speaker); 617-367-2345...**Art & architecture tours** of the BPL; 617-536-4000x212...**Black Heritage Trail** (year-round; 617-742-5415).

Community/Professional Opportunities

Design professionals and others interested in the future of this region are invited to help plan the Civic Initiative for A Livable New England's regional workshop (3/10) and in organizing/participating in the major regional charrette on April 27-29; write/call alee@architects.org; 617-951-1433x225 and visit the BSA web site at www.architects.org...**"Learning By Design in Massachusetts"**; BSA partnership with school-based program; architects encouraged to call/write 617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org...**Design professionals** sought for Boston Learning Society seminars in Needham; 781-453-9800...**Teachers/Practitioners**: the BAC is seeking instructors in the decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/ electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures (many of these related to the A.R.E.); 617-536-3170x258...The Boston Museum of Science is looking for professionals to **teach problem-solving**, computer applications, your favorite interdisciplinary

A schedule of annual BSA, AIA New England, & national AIA design awards programs is available on the very cool BSA Web site at www.architects.org (click on "News and Events", then "Honors and Awards") or call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org

"Competitions" magazine reports regularly on design competition results; for a subscription, call 502-451-3623.

topics, and a variety of other courses; call 617-589-0364 (Brent Jackson)... Wentworth Institute is seeking **constructive and compassionate architects** to serve as design critics; call Herb Fremin at 617-442-9010x425.

Publication Opportunities

ArchitectureBoston, the BSA quarterly magazine; for editorial and advertising requirements, call/write Nancy Jenner at 617-951-1433x2271/njenner@architects.org (see p.13)... **Robert Campbell FAIA** would like to publish BSA members' **residential work** in the *Globe*; mail materials directly to Campbell, 54 Antrim St., Cambridge MA 02139 (fax: 617-576-4784)... *Boston Herald* critic **David Eisen** is seeking BSA members' **work on housing, interiors, urban design**, great public projects, tiny private retreats, etc.; mail non-returnable information to Eisen at 119 Braintree St., Boston 02134... *Banker & Tradesman* architecture critic **Jeff Stein** AIA welcomes story ideas; write steinj@wis.edu... *Banker & Tradesman* is also seeking BSA members to write technical, informational, trend and opinion articles for its monthly commercial section and its quarterly magazine, "Structures"; call Tim DeFeo at 617-428-5100 x353 or write/call Robert Capra at rcapra@thewarrencgroup.com/617-428-

5100x377... **Architects sought** to write articles for a fee on high-end design with Velux products; write Vibeke Rieneck at vir.mac@velux.com ... **Residential projects using copper** (by BSA members) are being sought for inclusion in a special coffee-table publication of the International Copper Association in Argentina and Uruguay; for submission information, call David Hunt at 800-448-1776x2474... **Small, well-designed houses** designed by AIA members in Massachusetts are being sought for a new book titled *Nor So Big House Design Book*; call 800-926-8776 x449 (Steve Culpepper, The Taunton Press)... *The Classicist*, the journal of the Institute for the Study of Classical Architecture, is seeking papers and/or examples of **work done in the Classical manner**; 212-681-2761... *Visual Architecture/ Boston* seeks **BSA members' work** to publish at no cost; 978-692-8999x349... BSA members' **"superb home or living community projects"** unpublished and less than two years old are sought; send color photos, floor plans and a project description to Susan Barror, Editor, Hanley-Wood Publications, Suite 600, One Thomas Circle NW, Washington DC, 20005... **Homes** designed by BSA members in the last 10 years are sought for inclusion in a new book called *The New Family Home*; Jim Tolpin, POB 1933, Port Townsend WA 98368; tolpin@olympus.net ... *Before & After*, the **home-renovation** TV series, is seeking BSA members' before-&-after photos of

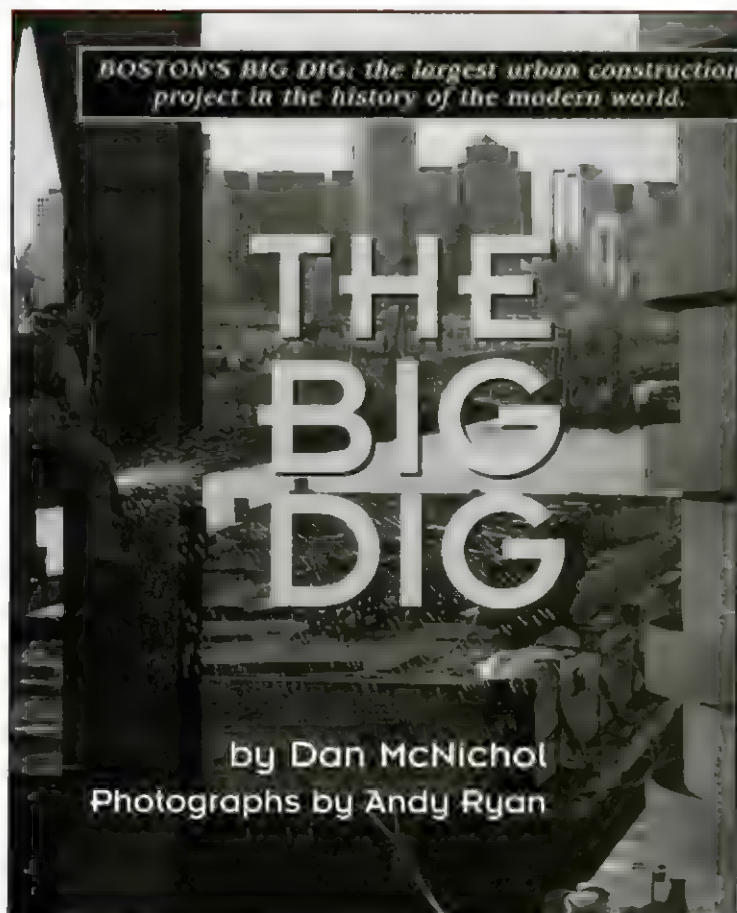
completed remodeling projects; 612-835-4455 (Rachel Baer or Dana Ritter)... *residential architect* magazine is seeking BSA members' **residential design details** for publication; call or write Rick Vitullo AIA (410-923-1140/fax 410-923-3827/olstudio@aol.com) ... *Architecture* magazine is seeking BSA members' **projects under 1,000 s.f.** of extremely high design and construction quality for possible publication; work must have been completed after 7/96; send photographs and drawings to Reed Kroloff, *Architecture*, 1515 Broadway (11th Floor), NYC 10036 ... BSA members' **home office designs** are being sought for publication in *Home Office Computing* magazine; for details call 301-654-1988/fax 301-654-1994/alvin@aol.net ... *idioTEXT* design journal invites BSA members to submit **competition projects** for publication; 617-482-6958 (Jordan Williams)... *Places*, the quarterly journal edited by Donlyn Lyndon, invites submissions of **articles related to sustainable design**; 718-399-6090 for details... The Hardwood Manufacturers Association is seeking professional photography showing the **use of solid U.S. hardwoods** in furniture, flooring, kitchen cabinets, or decorative woodworking to illustrate in various publications the use of American hardwoods; call Susan Regan at 412-829-0770... **Energy-efficient designs** are being sought for a new book on alternative architecture; for details, call Alfred Kemper (909-920-9753).

"The Big Dig" is now a big book

Boston's "Big Dig" is not only the biggest public works project since the Big Bang, it is now also a delightful big book.

Dan McNichol, erstwhile communications specialist for the Big Dig, is the author of an extraordinary and extraordinarily upbeat exploration of this compelling highway construction project, which is in fact the most complex highway construction project ever undertaken in this country. The author is an ebullient fan of the project and his timely book is filled with amazing details and wonderful photographs on everything from slurry walls to river crossings to the mother of all interchanges.

The book is available from the BSA as is the new classic *Mapping Boston* based on Norman Leventhal's collection of historic Boston maps, the *AIA Guide to Boston*, and over 100 other titles. To scan the list of titles or to order, visit the BSA Web site at www.architects.org (click on "Publications and Resources"); *The Big Dig* is item #265...or write/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.





Robert Vogel AIA has joined The Design Partnership of Cambridge as a principal



Nancy Felts AIA and Jeffrey Hoseth AIA (above) have been Associates at CannonDesign



Mostue & Associates has promoted Clifford Boehmer and Ross Spear AIA (above) new Senior Associates, Inc. Rex AIA (below) is a new Associate, Darrell Aldrich and Kristin Brown have been elected to the Board of Directors, and Travis Nadeau has joined the firm as a designer



People

Richard Piper AIA has joined the Thompson & Lichtner Co. in Cambridge... **Hermann Field FAIA** has been elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the highest honor offered by AICP... **Goody, Clancy & Associates'** projects have been featured in *Architecture* (the Wheeling WV federal courthouse designed in association with HLM) and in *Architectural Record* (the firm's "Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights", which also has been honored by the New England chapter of the APA); the firm's masterplan for the Charles River Basin has been honored by New England APA and the firm's design of Purdue's School of Management and Bentley College's academic technology center both have been honored for design excellence and are featured in the *AS&U 2000 Architectural Portfolio*; **Jean Carroon AIA** is serving as a peer reviewer for the J. Paul Getty Trust grants program, **David Dixon FAIA** (now the firm's Principal-in-Charge of Planning & Urban Design) was recently the guest speaker at the Congress for New Urbanism workshop in Boston. Kimberly Konrad's article on Fenway Park was included in a National Park Service publication, and Lisa Howe has been named to the board of the New England chapter of APT; David Spillane AICP, RIBA has been named Director of Planning & Urban Design... **Miller Dyer Spear's** Job Corp Center in Devens has been honored by *AS&U* and the firm's Hollister Hall at Babson has been honored by *College Planning & Management*... **Lamoureux Pagano Associates** has been honored by *AS&U* for three Worcester-area school projects (Accelerated Learning Lab, Worcester Vocational HS, and Mayo Elementary school in Holden)... **Primary Group** is celebrating its 15th anniversary and has launched a new Web site at www.primarygroupinc.com... **Mark Hutker & Associates** has named Laurie Andersen and Gerrit Frase new Associates... **Thompson and Rose's** work is included in *Designing the New Museum* and in *40 Architects Under 40*; **Charles Rose AIA** is teaching this term at RISD... **Jacob Albert AIA** has been appointed to the Cambridge Historical Commission... **Joseph Fazio AIA** has joined **The Stubbins Associates**; **Scott Simpson FAIA** represented TSA as the guest speaker at the Architects Technology Summit in San Diego in September and he has published articles on "competitive disadvantage" in the *Design Intelligence* newsletter and on lab design in the *NEREJ*... **Elkus/Manfredi's** design of the Emerson College theater was featured recently in the *Boston Herald*; the firm also has completed work on the Wellesley Gateway project, the Brockton Trial Court, and CityPlace in West Palm Beach... **Berg/Howland** has announced that Jill Spires has joined the firm... **Machado and Silveti** has announced that **Matthew Oudens AIA**

has been named an Associate... **Harvey Montague AIA** is now doing business in Wayland as Harvey Montague and Associates at hmontague@aol.com... **Einhorn Yaffee Prescott** reports that it has opened an office in London in its first European venture... **Rowe Design Group's** design of the Winchester Town Hall restoration was the subject of a recent NPR commentary... **Tsomidis Associates** has been honored by NAHB and the National Council on Seniors Housing for the design of the Atrium at Cedars retirement community in Maine... **Rem Huygens FAIA** has received the Prix d'Architecture Contemporaine for his design of a private home in France; the award was sponsored by the Council for Architecture, Urbanism and the Environment and by *L'Architecture D'Aujourd'hui* magazine... **Symmes Maini & McKee's** design for Nokia House-Boston in Burlington has received a design award from the Mass. Chapter of ABC; the firm is presenting workshops on campus masterplanning at a SCUP conference in Montreal in April and on its design of the Advanced Technology Manufacturing Center at UMass/ Dartmouth at SCUP's national conference in Boston in July; the firm also has announced that **Leslie Glynn AIA**, **Joel Seeley AIA** and **Tricia Smith** have been named principals of the firm, which also recently welcomed **Francesco Montillo AIA** and **Nicola Frezacca P.E.** to the firm... **Leers Weinzapfel Associates** has announced the promotion of Alexander Carroll and Joseph Raia to Associate and Ellen Altman, Natasha Espada and Anne Snelling Lee to Senior Architect... **TAMS** has named **Ray Porfilio, Jr. AIA** a new VP... **Jim Alexander FAIA** has been named to the community advisory committee created by Mayor Menino in Boston to review the proposed hotel and housing complex over the Turnpike at Columbus Avenue; Penn State also recently honored Alexander with its Alumni Achievement Award for 2001... **Cambridge Seven Associates'** work has been published in *Communication Arts* (the Scientific Center Kuwait exhibits), *Art New England* (the science building at Bowdoin), *Missouri Architect* (the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium) and *Exhibit Builder* (the Robins Nature and Visitor Center at Maymont); **Peter Kuttner FAIA** has been named to the national jury for the *Business Week/ISDA* Industrial Design Awards program; **Chuck Redmon FAIA** has been named to the national jury for the AIA's new Latrobe Fellowship program... The chiller plant at Penn by **Leers Weinzapfel** was featured as the cover story in the 12/00 edition of *Architecture*... The 12/00 issue of *Architectural Record* included an article by **Evan Shu AIA** on rendering techniques and highlighted the work of **Domenech Hicks & Krockmalnic** (the AIA/HUD design award-winning Orchard Gardens in Boston) and **Moshe Safdie & Associates** (the Rabin Center in Tel Aviv)... Recent issues of

Banker & Tradesman featured an editorial by **David Lee FAIA** on how to perceive the Boston waterfront now that the dust has cleared, a special feature on BSA president **Rebecca Barnes FAIA**, and architecture critic **Jeff Stein AIA's** report on the architectural community's response to the South Boston tragedy that destroyed five triple-deckers in a recent fire (the story focused on the contributions to the South Boston community by **Margulies & Associates**, **Bruner/Cott, Arrowstreet** and by **Jack Hobbs AIA** in his current role as president of AGC)... A recent issue of *The New York Times Book Review* carried **Robert Campbell FAIA's** thoughts on the notion of preservation in his review of *The Same As Twice*, a new book by Howard Mansfield... In recent issues of *The Boston Globe*, **Campbell** writes on the residential design work of **Paul Lukez AIA**, on the corruption of preservation as a tourism-driven response to buildings, on the ICA museum design competition, and on the 2000 BSA Honor Awards for Design Excellence... Other recent issues of the *Globe* have included an op-ed piece on open space by **George Thrush AIA**, a letter from **Peter Papesch AIA** on the meaning of open space, a letter from **Charles Tseckares FAIA** on public/private partnerships in development, and on the design of the new Atelier 505 in the Back Bay for The Druker Company by **Machado and Silveti**... **TRO** has announced that John Downes Jr. has been promoted to Director of Corporate Development and Mark Gagnon, Author Lamb, Wendy Weitzner and Stacey Yeragotelis have been named Senior Associates.

New Work

Boston Design Collaborative's recent and current work includes Koc University in Istanbul, an urban design plan for American University in Cairo, and a masterplan for the University of Sarajevo... **McMahon Architects** has designed Equity Office Properties' new concept in commercial office services, the Equity Office Concierge Desk... **David Perry Architects** has completed restoration of the chapel at St. John's Theological Seminary in Boston... **Albert, Righter & Tittmann** is among the architecture firms designing a new town north of Dallas... **Thompson and Rose** is creating a sustainable design national HQ for the International Fund for Animal Welfare... **Jung/Brannen** is designing the new HQ for Jack Morton Worldwide... **HKT Architects'** recent and current work includes renovations to the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional HS, feasibility studies for a new elementary school in Carlisle and for the expansion of public safety facilities in Hamilton, and is working with Boston North Technology Park to convert a light-industrial complex in Amesbury into an office development... **Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype's** recent and current work includes the

renovation of the McIntyre Federal Building in Portsmouth, an addition and renovation to the Solomon Schechter School of Greater Boston, a new recreation center in Stowe, a new office building for Liberty Publishing in Beverly and the second phase of the Oracle Campus in Nashua...**Goody, Clancy & Associates'** current work includes a new electron microscope building at Brandeis, planning for a high-tech center for the Massachusetts Technology Center at the Weymouth Naval Air Station, planning for the Fort Point Channel for the BRA and the Fort Point Channel Abutters Group and, with **Stull and Lee**, planning for West Palm Beach's new Northeast neighborhood...**Bechtel Frank Erickson** is designing a new addition to house the permanent collection at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park in Lincoln...**Symmes Maini & McKee's** recent and current work includes phase 2 of Nokia House-Boston in Burlington, a mixed-use development on Neponset River Wharf in Milton Village/Lower Mills, expansion of Talbot's HQ in Hingham, the Unisphere Networks project in Westford Technology Park, masterplanning and architectural work at the Hood Business Park in Charlestown, a chiller replacement for IBM's Vermont facility in Essex Junction and the new Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction in Pittsfield...

William Rawn Associates' recent and current work includes the West Campus Residence Halls B & C at Northeastern, the Summit Residences at Trinity, the new music building at Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, the new Lowes Theatre District Hotel in Boston, the Inn at Trumbull Cove in New London, the Carneros Inn in California and the Williams College Performing Arts Center...

Mostue & Associates' recent and current work includes Greenfield Garden residences in Greenfield, new South End tenant housing, and new residential units at Mount Bowdoin Erie-Ellington...**CBT** has completed interior renovation of the West Wing of Wellesley's Pendleton Hall...

Flansburgh Associates has completed design of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council's HQ expansion/renovation in Lexington... **Cambridge Seven Associates** is designing the new Westfield State College Athletic Facility and, with Frederic R. Harris Inc., is completing renovations of three stations on the Red Line...**Leers Weinzapfel** is designing renovation and additions to Harvard's Science Center...**ICON Architecture's** recent and current projects include management plans for Franklin Park in Boston, the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, the Auto National Heritage Area in Detroit, and several National Park Service sites; concept development for Cleveland's waterfront coalition relocation of the historic Hulet ore unloaders facility; land use/urban design projects for the East Boston Municipal Harbor Plan; a downtown Coral Springs public streetscape in Florida; and Maine's waterfront develop-

ment in Portland; the firm's architectural design work has included housing in South Boston at West Broadway and Roxse Homes in the South End (with **Hezekiah Pratt AIA**), a new Fort Point postal service station, new DCAM projects at Salem State and the Mass. Veterans Cemetery, renovations and additions to elementary schools in Arlington, a new music practice facility for Berklee College of Music, the Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center in Pennsylvania, the Auburn Court housing development in Cambridge, and (with **Arrowstreet**) the mixed-use Park Square West apartments.

Corporate Affiliates

A.J. Martini Inc., celebrating its 50th anniversary in part by underwriting the BSA's Civic Initiative for A Livable New England, has completed tenant build-out for Hill Holiday Connors Cosmopolis in the Hancock Tower (Darlow Christ Architects was the designer)...**Payton Construction's** recent and current work includes a new auditorium for The TGX Cos. in Framingham with Sasaki Associates and tenant fit-out projects for Lava Storm in Watertown with Visnick & Caulfield, Korn/Ferry Int'l in Boston with GHK, Rackemann Sawyer Brewster in Boston with Design Management Corp., and Goldman Sachs in Boston with SOM; the company also has completed the remarkable renovation of the BSA's own offices in The Architects Building...**Carol R. Johnson Associates** is moving its offices to 115 Broad St., Boston 02109

...**Luchini Milford Goodell & Associates** (consulting engineers) is working with Gorman Richardson Architects on the Fidelity project in Marlborough, with DTS Shaw on a new music building at Tufts and with Tappé Associates on a new technology building for the Carroll Center for the Blind; John Sartori and Marcel Dumitrescu have joined the firm's mechanical department...**Shawmut Design and Construction** reports that it has completed restoration of 441 Stewart St., one of the first art deco buildings built in Boston (CID Associates is the restoration designer)...**Suffolk Construction's** current projects include the Pine Hills Marriott in Plymouth with CGLS Architects, EMC's projects in Milford with SMMA, the Daniel Webster College student dorm in Nashua with Whitney Atwood Norcross, and the University of Massachusetts campus center in Boston with Kallmann McKinnell & Wood... **Pembroke Real Estate** reports that William Reny has been named Senior VP...**Wise Construction's** recent and current work includes a new facility for The Koffler Group in Milford with Gorman Richardson Architects, renovations of two buildings on Broad St. in Boston for Taurus New England Investments with Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, two Harvard labs with Exergen Corp., classroom and other renovations for

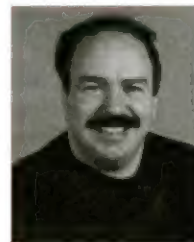
Harvard with Robert Olson & Associates, CM services for Meridian Investments in Boston with Cubellis & Associates, two projects at MIT's Killian Center with Hallor Associates, classroom renovations at GSD with Office dA and Urban Design, Loeb Library renovations at GSD with Darlow Christ, the educational center project on Thompson Island with Hubert Murray Architects & Planners, and new Harvard labs with Tsoi/Kobus...**Ames & Gough Insurance** reports that Barabara Sable, formerly with Victor O. Schinnerer & Co., has joined the firm...**Richard D. Kimball Co.'s** recent and current work includes projects for United Airlines at Dulles, Foley, Hoag & Eliot's offices at the World Trade Center Boston with CBT, several renovation projects at BC and at Gillette's facility in Andover, and an emergency generator replacement project at Tewksbury State Hospital; Robert Lorentz, Dan Marchand, Robert McCann, Alain Haddad, Edward Zwirbla, Claudette Goguen, Joanna Fiorino, Phyllis Minehan and Joe Paradiso have joined the company...**Walker**

Parking Consultants has named several new VPs: William Francis, Gary Koch P.E., Donald Monahan P.E., Arthur Stadig P.E., and James Moran...**Lee Kennedy Co.** has completed tenant fit-outs for Kuchne & Nagel and for Logistics Management Network, both on Black Falcon Pier and both with Visnick & Caulfield; Tom Fitzgerald and Marie Cunningham have been honored by the company for outstanding customer service; Bill Parker (project estimator) and Anatole Grintchenko (project manager) have joined the company...**Columbia Construction Co.'s** recent and current work includes a new addition at New Balance's facility in Lawrence with Edwards and Kelcey, a new athletic facility at the Brooks School in North Andover with CannonDesign, several projects at the Sherrill House nursing facility in Boston with Chia-Ming Sze, renovations at the Four Seasons with CBT, clean rooms for an R&D facility in Bedford with Carter & Burgess; and office renovation projects for Wall USA at the Black Falcon Terminal with Kennedy & Violich, the Jack Morton Co. with Jung/Brannen, Robert Half Int'l with Partridge Tackett Campbell, Winter Wyman and Co. with The McKenna Group, Global One Communications with Dyer/Brown and P.A. Consulting Group with Milford & Ford Architects

...**Acentech Inc.** is currently working with Payette Associates to provide noise and vibration consulting support during the design and construction of MIT's new microphotonics center...**Prior Engineering's** current work includes projects at Memorial Jr. HS in Middleborough, Walter Lynch Inc. in the Hancock Tower, The Weston Presidio, USDataCenters in Marlboro, the Joslin Clinic in Boston, Brockton Hospital, Somerville HS, St. Peter's Church in Cambridge, and the Chancery Building for the Archdiocese of



Shawmut Design and Construction has announced that Tom Goemaat (above) has been named President of the company and Jim Ansara (below) has assumed the position of Chairman...photos by Bethany Versoy



Spaulding & Slye Colliers has announced the election of several new principals: William Bailey, Kem Courtenay, Robert Dickey, Harry Klaff, David Slye, and John Restivo (above)

Boston...**Dimeo Construction Co.**'s recent and current work includes projects at the Yale School of Medicine with Svigals Associates, Osborn Memorial Labs at Yale with The Hillier Group, renovations at the Warwick Mall in Rhode Island with Carter & Burgess, renovations at South County Hospital in Rhode Island with Taylor & Partners, renovation of several schools in Portsmouth RI with L.A. Toronto Architects, MRI facility renovations at Memorial Hospital in Rhode Island with New England Medical Design, fit-out of the East Tower at Brighton Landing with O'Connor Constructors and ADD Inc, a new facility in Hartford for Level 3 Communications with SCR Design, a test facility for Teradyne with SMMA, renovations of 121 Portland St. in Boston with Berg-

meyer Associates, and the Smith-Buonanno Hall award-winning project at Brown with William Kite Architects...**The George B. H. Macomber Co.**'s recent and current projects includes work for EMC in Hopkington with Gorman Richardson Architects, Madison Park Development's 2201 Washington St. project in Roxbury with Paul Maggi, a nursery for Melrose-Wakefield Hospital with Swanke Hayden Connell, engineering and physics facilities at Brown with Payette Associates, a music building addition for Mount Holyoke College with Miller Dyer Spears and offices for Allmerica Financial in Worcester with Cubellis Associates; Ken Stowe was interviewed recently on Channel 5 on the advanced use of CADD technology in the building industry... **Wrenn Associates** has

completed work on an addition to Idylwilde Farms in Acton and is working on a new day-care center for Concord Hospital...**Elaine Construction Co.**'s recent and current projects include construction management for The Reference Inc. office renovations in Boston with IOI Inc., office expansion/renovation for New England Pension Consultants with Leigh Rooney Interiors, Appian Communications' office and lab renovations in Acton with Visnick & Caulfield, and office renovations in Dedham for TAC Worldwide with Winter Street Architects.

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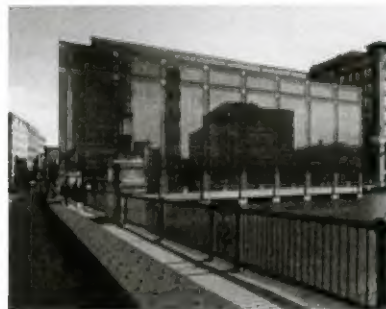
Finegold Alexander + Associates has completed renovation of Mellon Hall at HBS, is renovating new facilities for Dover Sherborn Regional Schools, and has completed conceptual design for the renovation and expansion of the historic Anshe Emet Synagogue (below) in Chicago...illustration by Peter Whitman



DiMella Shaffer Associates has been honored by the National Council on Senior Housing for the firm's renovation of Country Club Heights (below) in Woburn...photo by Richard Mandelkorn



Bruner/Cott has completed renovation of Charles Bulfinch's 1813 University Hall at Harvard. (left)...photo by Bruner/Cott



Finegold Alexander + Associates is designing a new building at 303 Congress St. (left) ...computer rendering by David Robyn Seeley



Flansburgh Associates has received the national Walter C. Taylor Award for the firm's design of The Beebe School (above) in Malden...photo by Steve Rosenthal



TRO/The Ritchie Organization is designing a new hospital entrance and Cancer Center for Concord Hospital in NH (above)...rendering by Gary Chen



CannonDesign has been honored with a Presidential Award for Design Excellence for its work on the U.S. Port of Entry (above) in Calexico, California

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				3 (Saturday) "The Peace Corp & Design Professionals" (JFK Library)
4 (Sunday) <i>U.S. Constitution is 212</i>	6 8:00 am <i>ArchitectureBoston</i> Ed'l Board 9:30 am Educational Facilities Cte, Flansburgh Assoc., 77 No. Washington St. Boston Noon *Corporate Advisory Council 4:30 pm Civic Initiative for a Livable New England (see p. 5)	7 8:00 am Education Network 8:00 am Task Force to End Homelessness, Payette Assoc., 285 Summer St., Boston Noon *Membership Cte 6:00 pm AutoCAD Users Group	8 8:00 am Historic Resources Cte 5:30 pm Women in Design Planning Meeting (see p. 4) 6:00 pm Regional Design Cte, (5 Doublet Hill Rd., Weston; 617-647-7833); see p. 9	9 8:00 am Honors & Awards Cte (617-951-1433x232)
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